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Easthampton's History

On June 17, 1785, Easthampton became a separate political entity in Massachusetts. The actual beginning of the community occurred a century earlier, while Easthampton was still a section of Northampton. On December 13, 1664, land was granted to John Webb, the first settler of European heritage. The next year, Webb began the process of establishing a community.

The community grew, as various settlers and saw mill operators took residence in the area near the Manhan River as well as in the Village of Pascommuck. Pascommuck, a Nipmuck word that means "where it bends", refers to the Ox-Bow area of the Connecticut River. The European community was under constant threat of attacks from Native Americans. On May 24, 1704, the Village of Pascommuck was attacked by a war party of some 72 Native Americans. 19 of the 38 villagers were killed.

Gradually, settlers returned to the villages of Pascommuck and the village near the Manhan River continued to grow.

Eventually, there were enough settlers to form a district, --an independent political entity separate from Northampton. In those days, a town was established in order to form a Meeting House, what we would call a Congregational Church today. In 1789, the first minister of the town was ordained. His name was Payson Williston.

By 1809, Easthampton changed its charter and become a town. This allowed the right to send a representative to the Massachusetts House of Representatives.


Throughout the first half of the 19th century, Easthampton was an agrarian community. The town was a close community of just a few families.

One of the highlights of this time was the establishment of Williston Seminary. The Seminary is now the Williston Northampton School, a prep school.

A major change in the town's economy occurred in 1847. Samuel Williston, son of the town's first minister, established a new company. The Williston-Knight Button Company became the first mill to open in Easthampton. This signaled the beginning of the first phase of Easthampton's industrial development.

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success of this venture, several new industrial operations were created near Nashawannuck Pond. In 1848, the Nashawannuck Manufacturing Company, an elastic company was opened. After that, the Glendale Company, another elastic maker was established, first in the village of Glendale, and then in Easthampton. The Easthampton Rubber Thread was created to make rubber fabric. The George Colton Elastic Mill became the third maker. At the lower millpond, the Williston Mills were incorporated to manufacture cloth from cotton.

Many new residents moved to town to seek employment at the mills. Several social changes occurred as the town's population grew. The first high school was established in 1864. The first national bank began the same year. The Easthampton Savings Bank was established in 1869. A modern town hall was dedicated in 1869. This building still serves as the seat of government today by 1871, the railroads began to make regular scheduled runs through town. The public library was established in 1881. Streetcars began operating in 1895, the same year as the telephone system began. More importantly, new churches were established as a second Congregational Church was followed by Methodists, Episcopalians, Lutherans and the first Catholic Parish.

By 1899, the economic and social fabric of the town underwent major changes. Two major employers moved to Easthampton. One company, the West Boylston Manufacturing Company produced cloth from cotton, while the second company, the Hampton Company, processed cloth by dying, mercerizing, or bleaching cloth. These companies recruited many new residents to town, including French-Canadians and Polish. The West Boylston built three model mill villages for their employees.

Another major change occurred in 1912, when Glendale purchased the Nashawannuck Company. All the local mills were able to secure federal war contracts during World War I, and prospered.

Following the war, the town faced difficulties in adjusting to the post war economy. The West Boylston laid off many employees, lost contracts, and by 1927, began looking for a buyer for their mills. They also began a Montgomery Alabama branch, and finally closed Easthampton in 1931.

The Nashawannuck Pond industries also faced uncertainties. The Williston Knight Button Company, then known as the United Button Company, closed in 1922. In 1927, The Glendale and the Colton, after years of competition, decided to merge with the Conant-Houghton mills of Littleton and Lowell, formed the United Elastic Corporation, with the Easthampton Rubber Thread became a subsidiary of the United Elastic.

The post World War I depression hit Easthampton early and hard. Many left town at that time, seeking employment elsewhere, as several mills, especially the former West Boylston, stood empty for years.

A third economic boom came with World War II, as defense contracts were awarded to several local industries. Cardanic, G.E., Textron, and Campagna Corporation, a maker of pre-fab housing for the European War Theatre all set up mills in Easthampton. Both the United Elastic and the Hampton also obtained war contracts.

This boom continued after the war. Stanley Home Products arrived in 1947, and with their Stanley Home Parties, offered many jobs for local employees. A new trend began at this time, as many began using their cars in order to take jobs out of town.

The end of this economic prosperity began in 1962, as the Hampton Company closed. By 1971, the Glendale division of the United Elastic closed. In 1995, Stanley Home Products also closed.

Yet the town continues to adopt and grow. In the early 1970s, in the "Plains" section of town, a major sub-division was built off Plain street. In the O'Neil Street industrial park, Tubed Products constructed a major mill and employed several hundred.

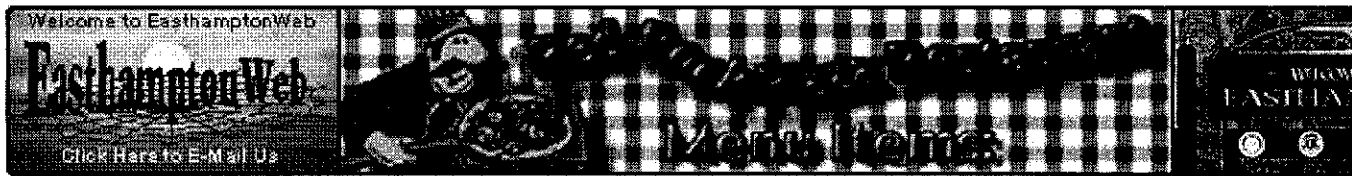
In 1996, the town of Easthampton took the first step in becoming a city as a new charter was passed and a mayor became the chief executive. Three years later, Easthampton officially became a city and looks toward the 21st century with renewed optimism.

History provided by Edward Dwyer

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Flaherty Park

Located near the corner of Pleasant and Ferry Streets, Flaherty Park is an outdoor recreation area featuring a basketball court, a boat ramp for the lower Mill Pond. Outdoor picnic tables are set around the perimeter of the parking lot as well.

This park is also the site of the [David MacDonald Skateboard Park](#).

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David MacDonald Skateboard Park

Located in Flaherty Park on Ferry Street, this Skateboard Park provides a legal and fun area for Skateboarders, Rollerbladers and BMX Bicyclists to enjoy the use of a course and jumps. **Skateboarders and bicycles use the facility during the same time periods.** The Skateboard Park opened for the season April 4, with its school in session schedule, its full day schedule effect June 28. The **hours of operation** are Weekdays 3 to 9 PM while school is in session 10 AM to 11 PM when it is not. Saturdays 10 AM to 11 PM and Sundays 10 AM to 9 PM when it is not. Check the following table for times for skateboarding and rollerbladers and BMX Bicycles. Helmets and elbow and knee pads are required for the Park by all users. **Entrance fees** are \$2 per day for residents and nonresidents when school is in session and \$3 per day for residents and nonresidents when it is not. Full year passes are the price of \$25 for residents and \$40 for nonresidents.

Day	Skateboard & Rollerblades	BMX Bicycles
Monday	3 - 6 PM	6 - 9 PM
Tuesday	6 - 9 PM	3 - 6 PM
Wednesday	3 - 6 PM	6 - 9 PM
Thursday	6 - 9 PM	3 - 6 PM
Friday	3 - 6 PM	6 - 9 PM
Saturday	10 AM - 1 PM & 4 - 8 PM	1 - 4 PM & 8 - 11 PM
Sunday	1 - 4 PM & 6 - 9 PM	10 AM - 1 PM & 4 - 6 PM

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Pulaski Park

Pulaski Park is a passive recreation area located in the center of Easthampton, at the rotar Northampton Street, Main Street, and Pleasant Street merge. The park hosts many activit Gazebo: the Summer Arts in the Parks Concert Series held June through August; the Hal Shag Parade finale; and Santa Claus drops in around Christmas time. Many wedding cerc also held within the Gazebo throughout the year.

Pulaski Park contains the Kasimer Pulaski Monument, dedicated to the Polish war genera monument depicting the first town meeting house in Easthampton, as well as the Mayher Fountain. Benches grace the park, too.

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Katherine Root Wayside Park

Located at the corner of Route 10 and Florence Road, the Katherine Root Wayside Park i to passive recreation. It's a nice area with picnic tables to enjoy an afternoon picnic. It als spigot attached to the town water supply for passersby.

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Parsons Street Park

Parsons Street Park is a neighborhood park with a toddlers playground filled with baby s animals and park benches. It's located at the corner of Parsons and Exeter Streets.

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Pleasant Street Park

Pleasant Street Park is located at on the corner of Pleasant Street and Pleasant Green, it is neighborhood playground. The equipment at the park includes swings, a merry-go-round climbing bars in the shape of animals. Benches grace the park as well. In winter it is the rink weather permitting.

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Cold Weather Activities

The Easthampton Parks and Recreation Department hosts several cold weather activities the months of mid-November to mid-April. These include:

- **An Open Swim Program at White Brook Middle School** - runs Monday through nights from 7 to 9 PM, and Saturday afternoons from 1 PM - 4 PM. and is open to are the same as in the summer. On saturday mornings there is a free swim 10 AM resident senior citizens.
- **Winter Swimming Lessons at White Brook Middle School** -held in March and Saturday morning classes last 6 weeks and offer lessons for all levels. Fees are \$3 week program per child.
- **Barracudas Swim Team at White Brook Middle School** - meets Friday evenin Barracudas Swim team is a competition team, trained by the Wilgas, a husband and which is under the direction of Parks and Recreation Department. Registration an the team are held in April.
- **Adult Open Basketball**- offers open basketball games twice a week for adults w/ play: Wednesdays at Pepin School from 6 to 9 PM and Sundays at White Brook M School from 10 AM to 12:30 PM. The cost is \$3.00 per session.
- **Winter Basketball League - Recreational Leagues**- Parks and Recreation, in cc with the Easthampton Basketball Association, provides children grades 2 through recreational basketball teams to join 1 co-ed, 3 for boys and 2 for girls. Costs are player and a sliding scale for two or more children.
- **Winter Basketball League - Pioneer Valley Suburban League** - Parks and Rec conjunction with the Easthampton Basketball Association, offers children grades: a chance to play on a traveling basketball league. This league provides challenge experienced players.

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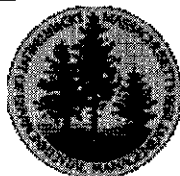
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Mount Tom State Reservation

Christopher Clark Road, Easthampton, MA

(413) 527-4805 or 534-1186

Mailing: PO Box 985, Northampton, MA 01060

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About the Reservation:

Superintendent - Russell J. Bardwell

The Mount Tom Reservation is over 1,800 acres of land, with 20 miles of hiking trails, fishing, picnicking (no fee), a lake to canoe on, cross country skiing, 2 observation towers, 5 scenic vistas, a new handicapped accessible hiking trail along the lake with an accessible fishing pier.

Hours:

Summer:

- Monday - Friday: 8 AM - 8 PM No Parking Fee
- Saturday, Sunday, and Holidays: 8 AM - 8 PM, Parking Fee \$2.00 per vehicle

Spring and Fall:

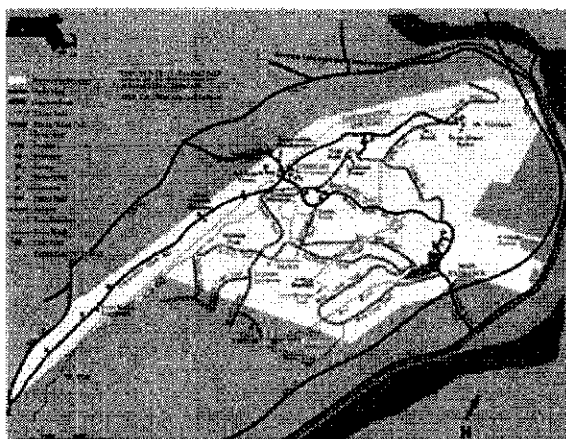
- Hours vary, call for more information

Winter Hours:

- All Week: 8 AM - 4 PM No Parking Fee, Mountain Road gate closed first to last snow.

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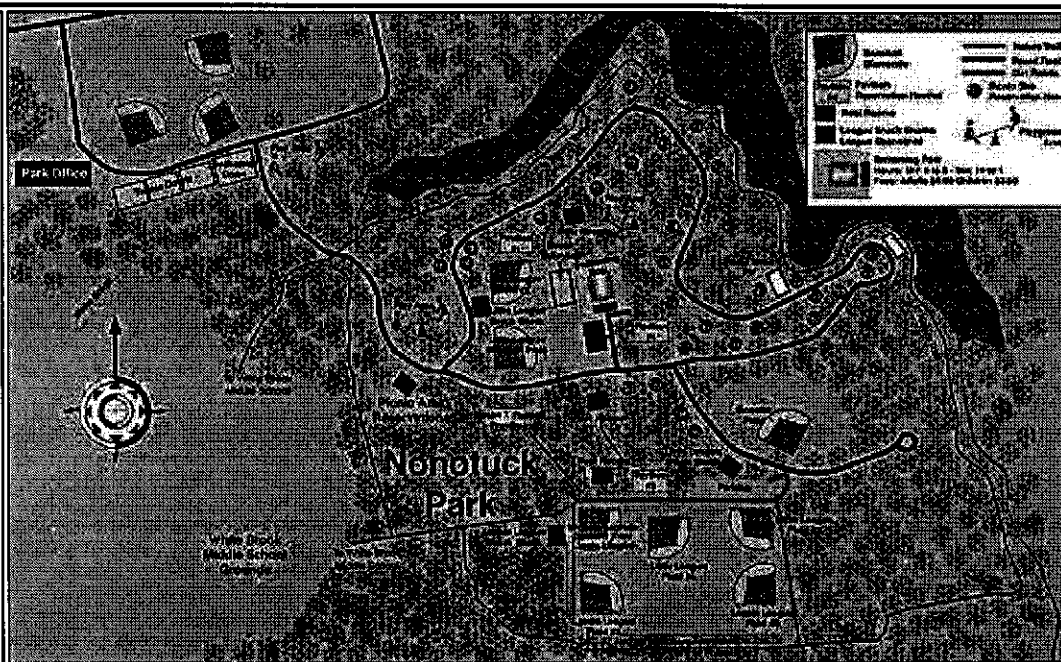
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About Nonotuck Park:

Nonotuck Park is a 185 acre park located in the heart of Easthampton. Used for active or passive recreation, the park offers activities for all to enjoy. The park is open from mid-April until the end of September and operates daily from 8 AM until dark. Facilities at Nonotuck Park include:

- A beach sand volleyball court
- An outdoor pool
- Thirty-six picnic sites
- Four picnic pavilions
- Seven softball diamonds
- Two children's playgrounds
- Three clay court tennis courts
- An outdoor basketball court

- Fishing at Nashawannuck Pond
- The Toteman Nature Trail
- Bicycle paths
- three bocce courts

Nonotuck Park is also home to a summer day camp for children aged 6-13, swimming lesson programs, a mountain bike racing series, the Massachusetts Special Olympics, and the Caouette Softball Tournament, as well as local baseball and softball team games and tournaments and the Fourth of July fireworks celebrations. The Toteman Nature Trail winds around the perimeter of the park for enjoyment, nature study, bird watching, and relaxation. Recreation equipment may be rented from the cashier -- items like boccee balls, basketballs, volleyballs, volleyball nets, and baseball equipment -- for use within the park.

Other Facts About Nonotuck Park

- The Park does not allow horses on the property, but dogs on leashes are permitted.
- Softball fields are used by leagues during the week, but are available for park patrons' use on the weekends.
- Park Security Officers are available during park hours for assistance or to answer any patrons' questions. Emergency first aid treatment available at the swimming pool.
- Telephones are located at the pool and the refreshment booth. Park Security Officers also carry walkie-talkie units which link directly to 911.
- Fishing licenses are required by the state of Massachusetts to fish at the park's Nashawannuck Pond. Licenses may be purchased at the Town Clerk's Office in City Hall, 4 Main Street.

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How to get there:

From the intersection of Union & Cottage Streets (Route 141) & Payson & Williston Avenues, take Williston Avenue (there are signs pointing to Easthampton High School) you will pass by the high school. The road takes a sharp right turn and the name changes to Lownds Avenue. Follow Lownds there is a gate abruptly across the road, this gate is the entrance to Nonotuck Park. The Road here changes in name to Daley Field Road.

Vehicle Passes:

Season vehicle passes for Nonotuck Park are being sold at the Parks and Recreation Department office located on Daley Field weekdays from 8 AM - 4 PM. Passes may also be purchased at the entrance booth. Season pass costs for:

- Easthampton Residents and nonresidents is \$6 for the first car and \$4 for an additional vehicle
- Senior Citizens receive a 10% discount
- Vehicles with Handicapped plates are not charged a fee

Day vehicle passes may also be purchased at the park's entrance booth from 8 AM to 8 PM. Day passes are \$1 on weekdays and \$2 on weekends.

It is recommended that the Park users purchase their passes soon to avoid delays at the entrance on busy days. Nonotuck Park is open daily, in season, from 8 AM until dark. Nonotuck Park remains open from mid-April until the end of September.

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Pool Information:

The pool opens in mid-June and remains open through Labor Day. The Olympic size pool sports two diving boards and three certified lifeguards who are on duty during the pool operating hours, Noon until 7 PM seven days a week. The outdoor pool is closed on rainy days. Fees for pool use are:

One Time Admission: \$1.50 per child and \$3.00 per adult Season Pass: \$30.00 per child; \$40.00 per adult; \$80.00 per family (generally defined as five people who all reside in the same household).

Swimming lessons are held in July and August with lessons taught in two-week cycles. A two-week program consists of 8 lessons, on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday of each week, each 45 minutes in length. Fees for the eight lesson session are \$30.00. Classes times are 10:00 AM, 11:00 AM, and 7:15 PM with three different categories of lessons taught at each session: Beginner, Advanced Beginner, and Intermediate.

All classes are taught by certified lifeguards and class sizes are limited.

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Picnic Sites and Pavilion Use:

The thirty six picnic sites are available weekdays for no charge; however, weekend picnic areas cost \$3.00. Each site sports two picnic tables and a cooking grill and sites may be booked the day of the picnic

Pavilion costs are \$100.00 per day for either weekday or weekend use. Reservations are required and bookings begin on March 2nd. Pavilions rent quickly on weekends, so early booking is recommended. There are four pavilions at Nonotuck Park, with the following equipment: Pavilion #1 Has a fireplace with two barbecues and two cooking grills Pavilion #2 Contains a six foot long covered barbecue with a cooking grill Pavilion #3 Has two six foot long barbecues with cooking grills Pavilion #4 Contains a six foot long covered barbecue with a cooking grill

All pavilions are supplied with electricity and water and rest rooms are within walking distance. Pavilion #1 and #3 rental requires you to furnish light bulbs; pavilion #2 and #4 are furnished with lights built into the ceiling.

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Summer Day Camp, Camp Nonotuck

Camp Nonotuck is a nine week program which begins the first Monday after school ends, June 26. The day camp operates 9 AM to 3 PM weekdays and extended hours (8 AM - 4 PM) are available on

an additional fee; the fee includes a field trip each week. Camp Nonotuck is an outdoor camp and in inclement weather occurs, campers use the Easthampton High School for camping activities. The camp is a five day a week program and no three to four day a week rates are available.

Camp Nonotuck is a structured camp where every hour has activities charted out for campers to participate in with a weekly theme. These activities are listed inside the Parks and Recreation office each week for campers and parents. The camp is divided by age; there is a 6-9 year old camp (Pavilion 2) and a 10-14 year old camp (Pavilion 3), the junior camp is limited to 80 campers a week and the senior camp to 65 campers. There are four councilors and one head councilor as well as a camp director and arts and crafts director plus several volunteers to provide direction to the camper

Activities usually include field trips. This year's field trips are not set yet, but will reflect much of the previous years trips. Daily activities include arts and crafts, sports contests, entertainment programs (storytellers and magic acts), bicycle safety instruction, and swimming. The State Police bring in their mounted horse units and the Easthampton Fire Department and the Easthampton Police Department talk about fire safety. For the older camp, aged 10-14, the Easthampton and the State Police departments will conduct a drug education program. Swimming is offered each day, so bathing suits and towel are necessities. Lunches need to be provided from home and there usually is an end of camp wrap up picnic for all campers.

Registration begins Wednesday May 31 from 2:30 - 5:30 PM; Thursday June 1 & Friday June 2 2:30 - 8 PM @ the Easthampton Park & Rec. Office. And will continue throughout the remainder of June weekdays 8 AM - 4 PM. For more information, please call 529-1440. Campers may be signed up for as many weeks as desired, and are served on a first come, first served basis until all openings are filled. We do keep waiting lists for all weeks. Please be prepared to make at least one week's advance payment at registration.. Cost is \$60 per camper per weekly session, later payments may be made on a week to week basis. Checks and money orders only, **no cash** will be taken. Weekly field trips will be announced at registration.

the Nine Weekly Sessions to be held are as follows:

Week #1	June 26-30
Week #2	July 3-7 - camp will be held on July 4
Week #3	July 10 -14
Week #4	July 17-21 - senior camp out #1
Week #5	July 24-28
Week #6	July 31-August 4
Week #7	August 7-11
Week #8	August 14-18 - senior camp out #2
Week #9	August 21-25

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Mountain Bike Racing Series:

Thursday Nights - 6 PM @ Nonotuck Park \$6 - 3 mile loop - call 538 - 7862 or 529 - 1460 or 529 - 1440 for more information - sponsored by Parks & Rec. Department & Competitive Edge Ski &

Bike Shop.

Special Events:

Fireworks Program - June 24, 2000 The Parks and Recreation Department coordinates a firework program with other local agencies. 12,000 to 15,000 people usually attend this event, and enjoy the fireworks display, listen to live music, and sample food from various booths set up especially for th event. Festivities begin at 3 PM with musical performances and fireworks start about 9:15 PM.

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History of The Nashawannuck Pond:

One Hundred Fifty Years Ago: The Nashawannuck Pond Created: By Ed Dwyer

In 1847, the small farming village of Easthampton was permanently transformed. The Williston - Knight Button Company was established and a modern factory was built.

At the time, covered buttons were an important fashion accessory.

To power the machines needed in the button business, Broad Brook was dammed and a pond was created.

The pond was named after the second Williston - Knight business enterprise to be located in Easthampton - the Nashawannuck Manufacturing Company. The Nashawannuck was a maker of elastic suspenders, another important fashion accessory of the time.

The Nashawannuck Pond has been used for industry, commercial enterprises, and recreation since creation. The reflection of Mt. Tom in the Nashawannuck Pond, which creates the impression of a bottle, has become a symbol of the town.

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Our membership levels are:

- Limited income: \$6
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Any and all donations are gratefully accepted.

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The Rivers Protection Act of 1996: By Barbara Craig

Rivers Protection Act became effective on August 7, 1996, the day it was signed into law by Governor William Weld. The purpose of the Act is to protect private or public water supply, groundwater, land containing shellfish, wildlife habitat and fisheries; provide flood control; and to prevent storm damage and pollution.

The Act amends and significantly expands the jurisdiction of the State Wetlands Protection Act by authorizing local Conservation Commissions and DEP to regulate land use activities within a new established wetland resource area known as the riverfront area.

The new riverfront area is defined as "that area of land situated between a river's mean annual high

water line and a parallel line located 200 feet away, measured outward horizontally from the river's annual high-water line.

The high water line can be identified by changes in soils, vegetation, or permanent water marks like bridges, abutments, boulders, and vegetation.

Riverfront areas are only 25 feet wide along rivers flowing through the state's 14 most heavily populated communities however, and there are additional exceptions in areas containing historic complexes and agricultural and aquacultural activities.

The Act also establishes a new \$30 million bond authorization for the Department of Fisheries, Wildlife, and Environmental Law Enforcement for the purchase of lands fronting on rivers and streams. However, due to the cap on the state's capital spending imposed to manage the overall level of bonded indebtedness, it is unlikely that any acquisition funds will be flowing through this new bond authorization anytime soon.

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Trail Maintenance Report: By John Bator

Talk about screwy weather for trail maintenance! 1995 was the driest of the century and one could keep up with watering; 1996, in turn, was the wettest and so difficult to get any work done. Can't wait to see what Old Lady Nature throws our way in '97!

Board member Stanley Greenberg has been building bat and bird houses for us to sell, and is also putting out some nifty bird feeders. Keeps him busy -- order some soon, won't you? Numerous swallows occupied our houses at East Street; now if only we could entice some bluebirds to fly over the cuckoo's nest.

Seems like our spring work party at East Street gets smaller each year. Only four of us showed up May. Of course, the weather did not help any. Hopefully, we'll have a better turnout this year, right gang? ... Right gang? ... Anyhow, we did manage to repair some damage on the lower trails caused by those dirty dirt bikers. Hell, some parts of the trails (and even steep banks, where no trails exist) are worn out to a depth of two feet! Later in the season, Bob and Agnes Banas planted lovely posies and Dan Watling once again re-painted the picnic table.

We made a slight change in our Earth Day Bake-Plant sale this past April. Instead of seedlings, we sold flats of ground cover, plus a variety of bulbs, tubers and potted plants. Business was brisk, you might say --- the flats were snatched up before I even had a chance to take them out of the back of my pick-up! I'll add more of the same this spring. And all you bakers out there, please don't forget to bring your thing for Saturday, April 19th at Big E's Supermarket.

Our most ambitious project (and initially at least, the most controversial, perhaps as well) of the year had to be installing a small gazebo at the John Bator Park. Boy, what a hassle --- running back and forth to Skip's Outdoor Accents in West Springfield to arrange for the purchase and delivery, getting the Park and Recreation Department to remove our kiosk, which is now located at Nonotuck Park, pushing raffle tickets to raise money for it, bulldozing to prepare the area for delivery, and dealing with a long list of legal procedures, permits, etc. Thankfully, it all paid off with a wonderful ceremony on Veteran's Day, whereby we dedicated the gazebo in memory of member Joyce Brown, who passed away last summer. The day was warm and sunny, attendance was more than expected, the catered food was great, and the speakers were interesting.

Moving our Fall Festival Bake-Tag-Plant sale to Daley Field this year boosted sales and gave us more public exposure. Gazebo raffle winners were announced that Sunday afternoon. One question though

-- how come it always rains that weekend?

Well, boys and girls, just a couple more items to mention before I have to sing "Happy Trails To You..." keep an eye out for more plantings at Lake Street, this year. Last year, I added vines, bulbs, mums, asters, and roses. As usual, Bob Banas and Dave Poulin kept our lawns from reverting to jungle --- thanks boys! Thanks also to everyone else who contributed in some way to our sales and maintenance activities. Remember our recently departed friends of the Trust --- Joyce Brown, Star Bogdanski and "Big Al" Krawczyk. Stay tuned for what's planned in '97 by attending out Annual Meeting. February 24th. "Happy Trails To You!"

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Rivers Bill Summary:

An Act To Protect the Rivers of the Commonwealth (Chapter 258 of the Acts of 1996 signed by the Governor on August 7, 1996) limits development within "riverfront areas", defined as the area within 200 feet of rivers and streams.

Background: The Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act (Chapter 131 Section 40) requires that anyone proposing to remove, fill, dredge, or alter any "resource area" must receive a permit from the local conservation commission. Examples of resource areas are any fresh water wetlands, coastal wetlands, beaches, dunes, marshes, rivers, streams, ponds, lakes, and land subject to flooding. While the Wetlands Act already protects the rivers and streams themselves, it does not directly protect all land along them. As a result conservation commissions have been limited to reviewing, but not prohibiting, development within 100 feet of rivers and streams. When evaluating a proposed project conservation commissions determine the potential impacts on the "values" of the wetlands. These eight "values" are defined as public or private water supply, groundwater supply, good control, storm damage prevention, prevention of pollution, protection of land containing shellfish, protection of wildlife habitat, and protection of fish.

Content of the Bill: The Rivers Act adds "riverfront areas" to the list of resource areas regulated under the Wetlands Protection Act. The riverfront area is defined as that area within 200 feet of rivers and streams. The riverfront area is reduced to twenty-five feet in municipalities with a population greater than 90,000, a population density greater than 9,000 people per square mile, or in densely developed areas as defined in the act. Conservation commissions shall not permit any work unless the applicant proves to the satisfaction of the commission that the work will have no significant adverse impact on the riverfront area for the eight "values" protected by the Wetlands Act, and that there is "no practicable and substantially equivalent economic alternative to the proposed project with less adverse effects."

The Act also:

- authorizes the expenditure of \$30 million to acquire land along rivers and streams
- creates an advisory committee of environmentalists, realtors, developers, and farmers to assist in writing regulations to implement the Act.
- requires that \$100,000 per year for five years of the Environmental Trust Fund be used by the Department of Environmental Protection for technical assistance and training for conservation commissions to implement the act

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Times and Fees:

Trails open: Tuesday - Sunday 9 AM- 3 PM, except holidays

Fees: Free to members of the Audubon Society and Easthampton and Northampton residents. \$3 adults. \$2 children 3-15 and seniors. Children under 3 free.

Office building and school are handicapped accessible. The orchard trail is handicapped accessible for birdwatching.

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About Arcadia:

Arcadia is part of the Mass. Audubon Society, and is a 625 acre sanctuary boarding on the Oxbow

(formed in 1840). There are upland forest habitats along with marsh and other wetland ecosystems. There are over 5 miles of marked trails within the sanctuary. Many species of wildlii make their home here. And the careful observer can find signs or actually observe the wildlife. The sanctuary is devoted to the conservation of natural resources and uses outdoor classrooms for the appreciation and interpretation of the natural world. To protect wildlife, dogs, fires, hunting, fire arms, fishing, trapping, collecting, and alcoholic beverages are not allowed on the trails.

The Massachusetts Audobon Society:

**Massachusetts Audubon Society
Membership Dept.
208 South Great Road
Lincoln, MA, 01773.
(617) 259 - 9500**

The Massachusetts Audobon Society is the largest environmental organization in New England. Concentrating their efforts in Massachusetts, the Society has protected more than 24,000 acres of conservation land/wildlife habitat, conducts nature education programs for 200,000 children annually, and advocates for sound environmental policies. Massachusetts Audobon is independent of National Audobon. For more information about the Society or to support its important work by becoming a member, call 1-800-AUDUBON.

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Arcadia Nature Center and Wildlife Sanctuary

Nature Nursery School :

The Idea: The Massachusetts Audubon Society is dedicated to protecting and preserving the environment, an to fostering an appreciation and understanding of the environment in people of all ages. The Arcadia Nature Nursery School was founded in 1976 on the premise that happy and rewarding early childhood experiences with nature form the foundation for the development of creative, caring, and aware adults.

The Program: Children enrolled at the Arcadia Nature Nursery School are provided with a continuing and meaningful relationship with the natural world. The school uses the natural world as theme and material in the education of the whole child. Children are provided with many opportunities to develop their observational abilities, language skills, and large and small motor skills. Socially, children are helped to interact positively with their peers, to learn to express themselves, and to develop an awareness and appreciation of others. Our goal is to foster the children's ability to work both independently and cooperatively, and to act in a caring and responsible way towards their environment, themselves, and others.

Class size is limited to 17 children in each session. The academic year runs for 36 weeks from mid-September to mid-June. Vacations coincide with the Easthampton school calendar

Visitors are welcome by appointment.

The Arcadia Nature Nursery School is licensed by the Massachusetts Office for Children.

The Setting: The Arcadia Nature Nursery School is located in the Arcadia Nature Center and Wildlife Sanctuary operated by the Massachusetts Audubon Society. A passive solar greenhouse is part of the classroom setting, and the 625 acres of woodland, marsh, and meadow that surround the center create an ideal setting for observing nature.

Information:

Ages: 3 1/2 to 5 years old. Children must be at least 3 1/2 in September to be enrolled in the program

Sessions:

(A) *2-mornings: Thurs. & Fri. (B) 3-mornings: Mon., Tues. & Wed. (C) 5-mornings: Mon.-Fri. (D) *2-afternoons: Tues & Wed.

*= these sessions may be combined

Financial Assistance:

Limited financial assistance may be available with demonstration of need.

Admissions Policy:

Families will be placed on a waiting list upon receipt of a completed application form and a \$15 non-refundable filing fee. If you wish to apply, please call and leave a message for the nursery school.

Children already enrolled in the program and their siblings are given first priority for admission. Our admissions process will attempt to balance classes for age and gender. Priority is also given to long-term MAS volunteers. Within this framework, admission of children is by chronological order as their applications are received. Arcadia Nature Nursery School does not discriminate in its admission policy on the basis of religion, race, cultural history, political beliefs, marital status, disability, or national origin.

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Volunteering at Arcadia:

Arcadia Nature Center & Wildlife Sanctuary is one of eighteen staffed sanctuaries in the Massachusetts Audubon Society state-wide system of sanctuaries. Arcadia has over 200 active volunteers and last year they put in over 7000 hours. We value our volunteers greatly and would like to add you to our list of volunteers. There are many opportunities for volunteering at Arcadia: some jobs involve a weekly or bi-weekly commitment, others last only for one day, and still others can be done as you have time available.

Arcadia is a 625 acre sanctuary located on the Northampton/Easthampton town line between Routes 5 & 10. Arcadia is a floodplain and borders on the Oxbow.

Field Walk Leaders: attend training sessions to learn natural history and techniques for teaching children. Volunteer a morning a week to lead small groups of school children in nature activities. This is a unique opportunity to get experience working with children. Most field walks are scheduled on Thursday mornings. Call for an interview.

Nursery School Aide: spend one morning a week working with 3 1/2 to 5 year olds in our licensed nursery school which focuses its curriculum on the environment. Call for an interview. (Arcadia Nature Nursely is in session 5 days a week.)

Nature Center Hosts: spend a morning or afternoon answering phones and greeting the public. Training is provided and shifts are arranged on a once a week or once every other week schedule

School Program Volunteer: help our busy Environmental Education Coordinators prepare educational materials and activities for school walks and other environmental education program. This can be done here or at home.

Ecological Management Program: help us study the plants and animals of Arcadia. Do observations for one of our on-going projects or organize a research project of your own.

Grounds Crew: work with our Property Manager to maintain the grounds and building. Most work is outdoors and happens on Saturday mornings.

Office Volunteer: help us occasionally when we have a lot of copying or mailing to do. Much of our work is done on computers, so data-entry is also needed.

Bird Seed Day Volunteer: a one-day project in the fall to help us sort and load birdseed for the people who have ordered it from us.

Bakers: we often have bake sales on days that we expect lots of people to visit, like Bird Seed Day and Camp Registration Day.

Camp Registration Day: a one-day project to help register children for summer camp. If you are highly organized and people-oriented, you can provide a real service for Arcadia.

Summer Camp Volunteers: work with our counselors to involve summer campers ages 3 1/2 to 11 in games and other fun nature activities. Or spend a week with the Trail Camp canoeing and adventuring. (Open to adults and teens.) Call for an interview.

If any of these opportunities sound interesting to you, call Gail Carpenter at 584-3009 between 9 and 3 Tuesday to Friday.

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Birthday Parties at Arcadia:

Birthday parties at Arcadia for children 4 years and up, for groups up to 15 people, available all seasons (in and/or outdoors), Saturdays and Sundays 12:30 - 2:30 or 3:00 - 5:00. Arcadia decorates the room for you, after 2 hours with naturalist who presents age-appropriate crafts, activities, and games. The naturalist will help supervise cake and presents time. (they provide paper goods and invitations, you supply refreshments). Fee \$100 to members, \$110 to non-members. Call Arcadia at (413) 584 - 3009 Monday to Saturday for more information, or leave a message for Kaite Olmstead

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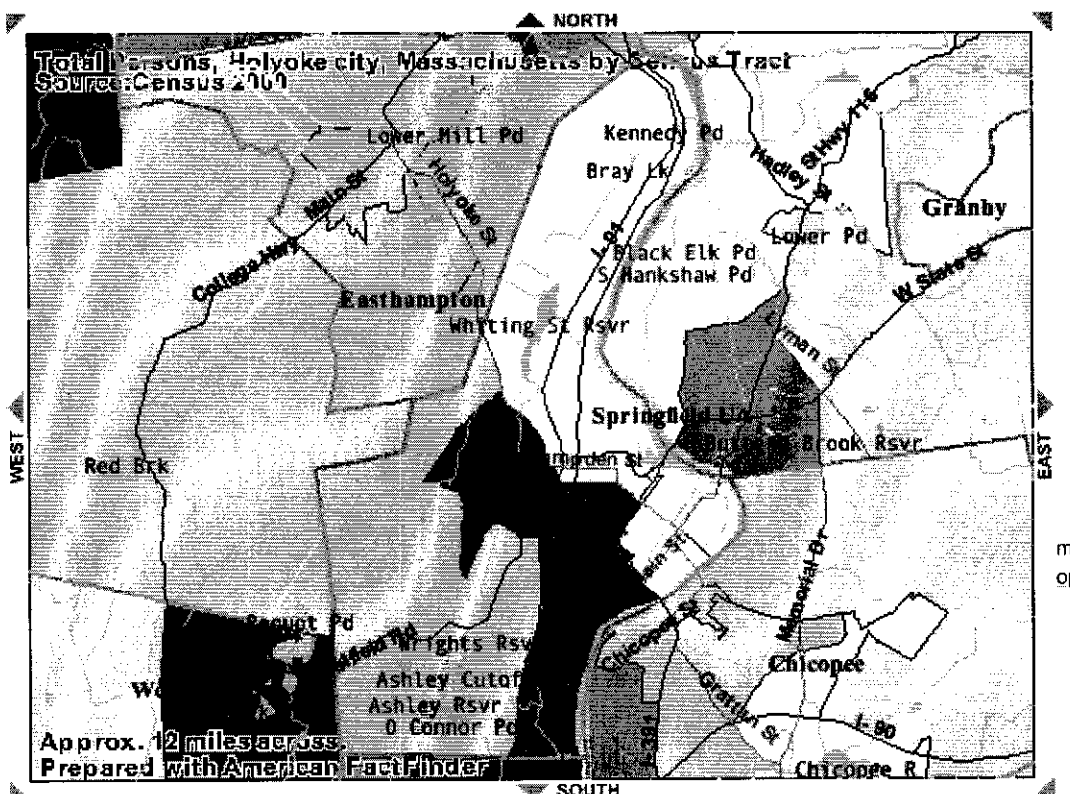
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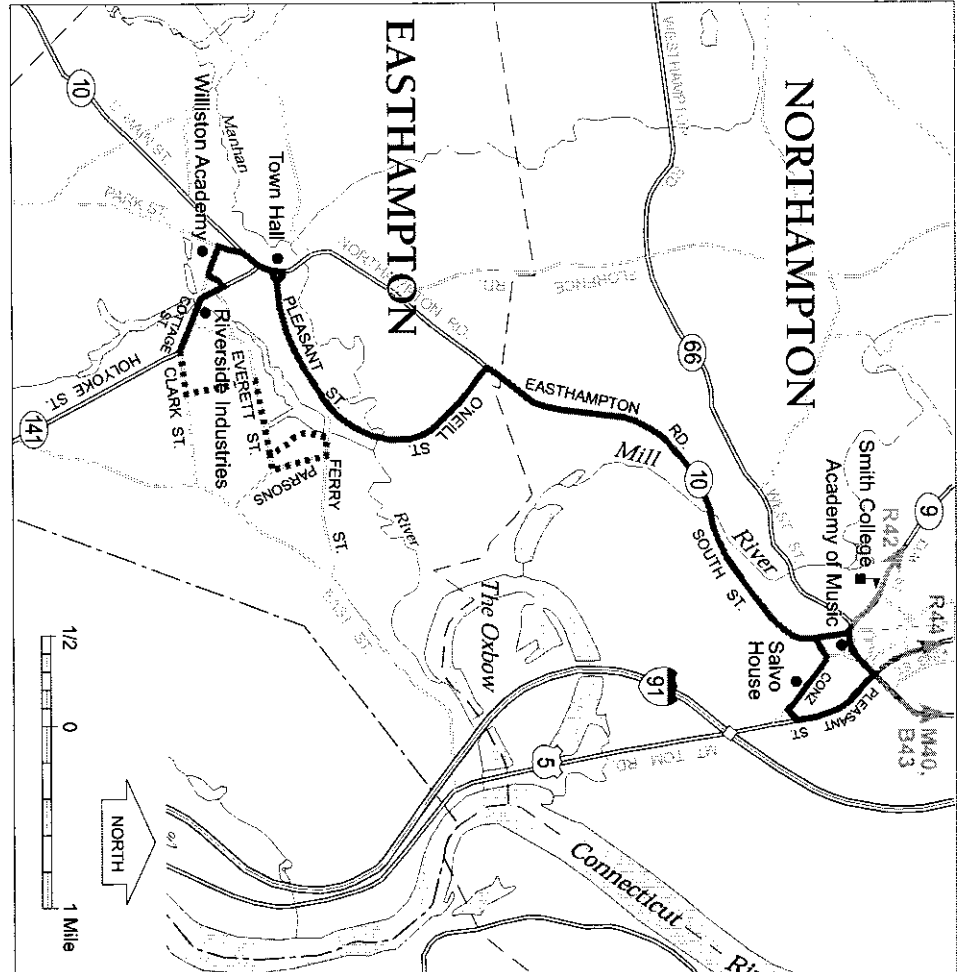
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